(Text of the telegram sent by the Prime Minister to His Excellency, President Lyndon B. Johnson, Washington; Friday, November 22, 2315 hrs.)

THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND I PERSONALLY ARE SHOCKED AND DEEPLY GRIEVED BY THE TRAGIC AND DASTARDLY ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

HE PROVED HIMSELF TO BE A GREAT AND DYNAMIC PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND A COURAGEOUS LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD WHO AROUSED HOPE IN THE HEARTS OF ALL MANKIND

HE WAS DURING HIS PRESIDENCY AS DURING HIS EARLIER CAREER A STAUNCH FRIEND OF ISRAEL

PLEASE CONVEY DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AS WELL AS MY OWN CONDOLENCES TO MRS KENNEDY HER CHILDREN AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE LATE PRESIDENTS FAMILY AS WELL AS TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ON THEIR IRREPARABLE LOSS

LEVI ESHKOL
PRIME MINISTER